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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUSCAT 115

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ICRC, PARM, VN, MU

SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF SEA AND WMO CONFERENCES

REF: STATE 8673; STATE 10509

1. EMBOFF RAISED ISSUE OF PRG PARTICIPATION IN/ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WITH FONMIN DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SALEM AHMAD KHALFAN. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON SCHEDULED LAW OF WAR MEETINGS AND WMO CONGRESS.

2. KHALFAN IMMEDIATELY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY ENDORSED USG POSITION ON MATTER OF PRG PARTICIPATION. (GIVEN OMANGOV'S PREOCCUPATION WITH COMMUNIST-BACKED REBELLION IN DHOFAR, THIS WAS EXPECTED REACTION.) HOWEVER, EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT OMANGOV HAD BEEN ABSENT OR ABSTAINED ON PREVIOUS VOTES DEALING WITH PRG REPRESENTATION. KHALFAN RECOGNIZED THAT ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE IN EFFECT AIDED SMALL GROUP OF HARD-CORE PRG BACKERS BY REDUCING NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED TO DETERMINE ISSUE. HE PROMISED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO INSTRUCT  
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OMANDEL ACTIVELY TO OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO REOPEN QUESTION OF

PRG ISSUE AT CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR. LIKEWISE, NEGATIVE MAIL VOTE RE PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT WMO CONGRESS PRESUMABLY WILL BE CAST DIRECTLY FROM FONMIN IN MUSCAT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT THAT OMANGOV IS SINCERELY OPPOSED TO PRG PARTICIPATION/REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE CORRESPONDING VOTES, GIVEN SOMETIMES INEFFICIENT BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES AND FAULTY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FONMIN AND CONCERNED DELEGATES. EMBASSY FEELS IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR USDEL AT GENEVA TO APPROACH OMANREP (MOHAMMAD ALI AL-GHAZZANI, A TUNISIAN NATIONAL), REFER TO FACT THAT MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED WITH FONMIN IN MUSCAT, AND ASK HIM IF HE HAD RECEIVED VOTING INSTRUCTIONS. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING RESULTS OF ANY SUCH APPROACH.  
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